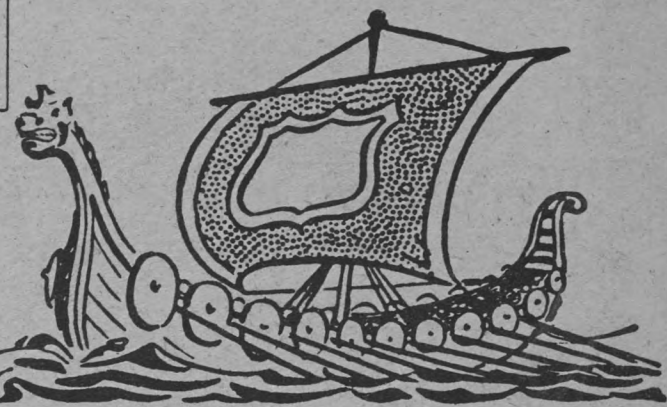


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PETER ELANDER RESIGNS

Culture at Torske Klubben

by Bob Burt

The last meeting of the Torske Klubben prior to summer recess was held June 7th. Nearly 30 members and guests joined to enjoy an exceptional fish dinner. Kris Nyhus, acting as boss in the absence of Wally Broen, introduced the Guest Speaker of the evening, Miss Sharon Sorenson.

Sharon has been teaching Norwegian at the University over the past year, as well as taking advance courses herself.

She spoke on heritage and the retention of the Norwegian language. "A picture is worth a thousand words—only if you have a thousand words to describe it with," she said.

She also quoted the following relevant excerpt from a report of *The Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism*:

Nothing should prevent those of other than French or British ethnic origin from keeping their attachment to

their original culture once they have been integrated into Canadian life. This should be encouraged, for society as a whole can only benefit from it — a person's original culture affects him deeply, and often over several generations; there are deep personal attachments no one can explain, customs firmly rooted in a man's being — having arrived in Canada, they appreciate more keenly all they had to leave behind in their country of origin. On contact with new values and new customs, their cultural heritage assumes great

er value in their eyes The presence in Canada of many people whose language and culture are distinctive by reason of their birth or ancestry represents an inestimable enrichment that Canadians cannot afford to lose Their members must always enjoy the right—a basic one—to safeguard their language and cultures Language allows for self-expression and communication according to one's logic The vitality of the different languages spoken in Canada other than French or English varies from one cultural group to another and even within these groups where many people speak their ancestral language poorly or not at all.

Sharon's talk was vital and hit home to those present that their families should be taught the language and keep up the culture. Her talk was greatly appreciated.

Language Camp this year will be held at Pigeon Lake Mulhurst Lutheran Camp the end of August. This will be a step in the right direction in order to learn of our ethnic heritage. The new generation can be immersed and gain some knowledge of their ethnic culture.

The fall meeting of Torske Klubben will be held September 6th, the first Tuesday of that month. At that time we will again enjoy fellowship and feasting.

Winners of the Norwegian

Rug and Paintings

The draw was made June 10 for the Norwegian rug and paintings, a project which was supported by many Sons of Norway members.

The rug was won by John Orde of 209, 10164 - 108 St.

One of the oil paintings was won by Dot Walford of 10108 - 87 Ave.

The other oil painting was won by Lois Hedberg of Devon.

The prizes were delivered and the cheque for \$500.00 forwarded to the Evelyn Unger School.

Takes Job With Saskatoon Golf Club

Peter Elander walked into the Scandinavian Centre 2½ years ago, and from that day on the Centre became an important part of his life.....and Peter became a very important part of the Centre.

The boundless amount of energy and enthusiasm which Peter showed right from those first days as Manager resulted in his quickly being dubbed "Tom Nielsen Jr."; Tom Nielsen was not only the first Manager of the Scandinavian Centre — he was also one of the hard-working founders who made the Centre a reality. Tom was also there to help familiarize Peter with his new responsibilities.

Through many hectic times Peter's warm sense of humour appeared when needed the most. He capably handled the public relations department which required constant communication with the five ethnic groups, as well as personally dealing with all partici-

ies using our facilities. He spent many long days and longer nights at the Centre during the past 2½ years.

New Events and Necessary Changes—

Many exciting and rewarding events have occurred since Peter first came to the Centre. He was a founder and Charter Member of the Scandinavian Club Viking, now the backbone of social functions sponsored by the Centre. Club Viking provides a monthly entertainment evening featuring the finest in ethnic dishes from the five Scandinavian countries.

Peter was also responsible for the formation of two Toastmaster Clubs at the Centre, and is an active Toastmaster himself. In 1974-75 he was the Senior Lieutenant-Governor of Toastmasters for Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Many necessary changes and renovations have occurred under Peter's capable supervision. His greatest challenge came in the fall of 1976 when the Centre decided to take over the catering operation. He confidently stepped into the breach, and after many exhausting and difficult times has guided our food operation into a well-organized and profitable venture.

Came to Canada in 1956

Peter was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, and it was there that he met and married Lilly on July 26, 1947. They



PETER ELANDER

remained in Copenhagen until 1956, when they embarked upon the adventure of their lives — they packed up their belongings, and along with their two young sons, John and Allan, they departed for Canada.

Toronto was their point of arrival, and from there they headed west until they reached Saskatoon. Peter found employment managing a poultry farm just outside of that city, and it was there that the Elanders made their home for 18 years.

Even at that time Peter was a dedicated and hard-working Scandinavian. He was one of the founders of the Saskatoon Scandinavian Club.

It was in the fall of 1974 that Peter saw the advertisement in the Scandinavian Centre News for a Manager — and the rest of the story is history.

Returning to Saskatoon

Peter and Lilly will be returning to Saskatoon where Peter has accepted a position as Manager of the Riverside Golf and Country Club.

Peter leaves behind him a long list of achievements, memories and friends. The Scandinavian Centre can only say with heartfelt sincerity: "Thankyou, Peter and Lilly, and the best of everything in the years ahead."

The Nordic Role in Canada's History

The roles of the French and British communities have dominated the written history of Canada; contributions by Canadians of other cultural origins have received too little attention. As a result, most history books present an incomplete record of Canada's past.

Edward Laine of the Public Archives of Canada is presently making an intensive effort to obtain material which will enable researchers to create a history of the Nordic contribution — that is—Finnish, Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish. He states that Canada's archives contain very little material describing the difficulties, accomplishments, social significance and cultural uniqueness of the Nordic people — particularly in Western Canada.

What he is looking for are such things as correspondence, memoranda, notebooks, diaries, family Bibles, financial records, scrapbooks, sketches, drawings, paintings, medals, photographs, movie films, sound recordings, etc., either of individuals or groups, to be donated for preservation and safekeeping to the National Ethnic Archives. He is most anxious that such material be available to historians so that the Nordic heritage is recorded as the important part of Canadian history which it is. Dr. Laine, incidentally, is of Finnish descent.

If you think you have anything of value, he would appreciate a letter addressed to:

Dr. Edward W. Laine
Manuscript Division
Public Archives Canada
395 Wellington
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3

They would, of course, wish to keep the original material, although in some cases they might take copies. If you have material which is heavy, you can send it to Dr. Laine by C.N. Express collect.

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

CENTRE ADMINISTRATION

As you will have read on the front page, Peter Elander is no longer with us, and it was with regret that your Board bid Peter goodbye; he has helped us immeasurably, and we all miss him a great deal.

Our food operation is being supervised by a very efficient lady whose name is Melitta Kolompar, whom we were most fortunate to find. Betty Haugen and Edith Peterson are in the office on different days of the week, and until a new Manager is appointed most of the Directors will take turns in being present during functions.

CENTRE MAINTENANCE

We are faced with a good deal of maintenance work at the Centre: the roof must be repaired; both washrooms must be painted with an oil-based paint; part of the hall and of the Dania Room must be renovated; and the south wall must be repaired.

Many of you will have noted the landscaping that has been done.. it was necessary to move the beautiful evergreens from the front, as they had outgrown the space provided for them. In addition the grass is being kept cut on a regular basis.

An air-conditioning unit was installed in the offices recently, now making it bearable to work during the hot weather. We will also be installing an air=conditioning unit for the kitchen where, on a warm day, the temperature is 100 degrees F. (without the stove being used.)

EXPANSION

The committee is investigating the possibility of a new location from every possible angle and will bring their recommendations to the July Board Meeting.

FUND-RAISING

We have organized a LOTTERY — the first prize will be a beautiful lot at Edmonton Beach (or \$6,000 cash should the winner prefer) second prize will be \$1,000 cash and third prize \$500 cash. Tickets will be sold by the five ethnic groups, Directors and Past Directors; they will also be available at the Centre or by mailing in the ticket order-form which you will find in this paper. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket, or 6 tickets for \$5.00, and we look forward to the support of all our members. Some Shopping Centre Malls have already been booked for various times throughout the summer for ticket sales, and the draw for the winners will take place at the Scandinavian Centre on November 12th when the Club Viking will host an entertaining evening. Directors and their wives or husbands are not eligible for any prizes in this lottery.

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS

This may be the Year of the Rat in China, but it seems so far to have been the Year of the Jinx for the newspaper. All our material was in the hands of the Sun Colorpress when its bankruptcy was announced by the news media. We immediately went down to pick it up, but only a part of the typesetting had been done and some of that had to be re-done because there was no way to have corrections made. This took two trips and the best part of the week to straighten out, and several errors were made in the paper itself, for which we apologize. One of the most glaring mistakes was that in the write-up "Choosing A Queen" we added 5 years to Miss Inga Hovde's age — she is actually a lovely young lady who is 16 years old. We have had many things to cope with during this month, but we are determined to reorganize as quickly as possible.

Most of the furniture for the newspaper office is now in place, thanks to Harv Haugen, and we should shortly be able to have our whole operation in one place.

KLONDYKE AND HERITAGE DAYS

We have applied to have a booth at the Promenade during K-Days this year and plans are underway as to how we will handle this; we hope to be able to use the same booth one week later — the first Monday in August — when Heritage Day is celebrated at William Hawrelak Park.

Here's Your Chance!

Picture a beautiful, treed lot just one row back from the lake at Edmonton Beach; it *could be yours for just \$1.00!*

The Centre has embarked on a fund-raising program, and a lake lot at Edmonton Beach will be the first prize in a draw to be held at the Scandinavian Centre on November 12th when the Club Viking will sponsor an evening of fun and entertainment.Should the winner prefer he or she may opt for a cash award of \$6,000.00.

The owner of the second ticket drawn will be the recipient of \$1,000.00 in cash, and the third ticket drawn will be worth \$500.00 in cash to its owner.

The maximum number of tickets sold will be 60,000, and the cost of these is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Tickets are available from the five ethnic groups in Edmonton, any of the Directors of the Scandinavian Centre, from the Centre itself, or from Steini Jonsson by mail — a ticket order form appears in this paper for your convenience.

We are going all out to raise some much-needed money for our Centre and look forward to the support of all our members.

The World's Cheapest International Cruise is the mini-cruise between Stockholm and Finland's Aland Islands in the Baltic Sea. The trip takes 13 hours and costs \$2.25 roundtrip. The boat leaves Stockholm at 8:00 a.m. daily except Mondays, and returns at 9:00 p.m. the same day.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



by Gertie Holmgren

Our regular June meeting was held in the Club House at Vasa Park on June 4th with Ray Nyroos in the chair.

Those reported sick were Linnea Christianson who was in the hospital with another bout of pneumonia, Alma Samuelson and Milda Anderson are also under the weather.

There were several visitors from Buford Lodge at the meeting, namely Betty Hanson, Algot Pearson, and Wanda and Albin Markstedt.

The Land Committee reported that some trees had been topped and asked that those property owners who have trees on their property that are dangerous to the power lines to please top them. They also asked if anyone had any trees to donate to plant along the fence by the club house, they would be very much appreciated.

A telegram had been sent to Branting Lodge congratulating them on their anniversary. The convention at Wetaskiwin was discussed and there was a lengthy discussion about the Scandinavian Centre.

Astrid Winquist and Helen McEvoy received a big thank you for supplying curtains for the club house.

Martha Kay brought greetings from Harold and Lulu Lundgren of Kamloops, B.C.

Linnea Lodge announced that the patients from St. Joseph's Hospital will use our facilities three times during the summer.

The films on Sweden will be viewed after our September meeting.

A very successful dance, hosted by Andy and Ivy Ogren followed the meeting.

On Sunday, June 5th, about 175 persons enjoyed the annual barbecue hosted by Ernie Hokanson which was delicious as always. After the dinner the young people enjoyed a picnic hosted by Joe and Shirley Sykes.

I've noticed Jim Johnson is back in Canada from his sojourn in Spain. I heard over the grape vine that he is spending the summer at U. of B.C.

Bob Crocket, who was one of our dance team members a few years ago and also curled with us for a season or two was married in Montreal some time in May. He had the opportunity to work in Sweden for a month so he will spend the month of July in Stockholm.

Bruce Johnson, of Branting Lodge No. 417 of Calgary, son of Bert Johnson, District Sety. and Grand Lodge Board Member, has received the Fernstrom Award, a scholarship of \$300. It was to have been presented by Grand Lodge Deputy John Holmlund of Falun at the 55th anniversary celebrations on

June 3rd, but due to illness, John Holmlund could not be present, and District Master Glen Eliasson congratulated Bruce on his accomplishment. It will be presented at a later date.

In every large family there's always one kid who's considered the bad one. In the Scandinavian Centre family that kid is the Swedes — at least those Swedes who belong to Skandia. If they do something, they shouldn't have, and if they don't, they should have.

Our July meeting will be on July 3rd at Vasa Park. A Klondike Dance will follow hosted by Cliff and Paula Lindberg.

Our deepest sympathies to Hilda Modin of Calmar and her family on the loss of her husband, Gus, who passed away on June 7th in Leduc.

On May 14th, Lori Eliasson and Hank Berkenbosche were united in marriage in Kirk United Church. Best wishes for their future happiness.

On the 17th of May several of our members went out to Namao to the farm home of Jack and Mary Nelsen to help Jack celebrate his 80th birthday. They were joined by many more from the Namao community. It was really a triple celebration, as his son Reg's birthday is on the 18th, and his

Ronning Lodge

by Doreen Anderson

Jaywalkers' Jamboree

Jaywalkers' Jamboree is now over for another year. Sons of Norway once again hosted the Old Time Competitions and Ladies' singles

Men's and Ladies' singles and doubles in Horse Shoes. The two-day event was very successful for Ronning Lodge, but not so bright for a couple of notable persons from Solglyt Lodge in Edmonton — namely Doug Peterson, President, and Gary Johnson, Vice-President, who were defeated by Ronning Lodge President, Clair Foss, and Marvin Swanson in the two-man cross-cut log-sawing competition. We're certain they'll be back next year to even up the score. However, all was not lost for Edmonton, as Evelyn Johnson came through with a first in the Ladies' Nail-Driving competition.

Also in conjunction with Jaywalkers' a Hard-Time Dance was held at Bittern Lake. This was not only a good time, but also very entertaining. First prize went to Diane Kathan as a couple; individual prizes to Anne Heggen and Dean Smith; novelty to Yvonne Nelson. Door-prize winners were Phyllis

Premiere of Barber Maline Fowler Award



Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fowler are pictured above. Mr. Fowler presented a plaque to the 1977 Sons of Norway Queen, Cynthia Berg, pictured at right, at the Syttende Mai Celebrations following her crowning. This was the premiere of an event which will take place each year in memory of the late Barbara Maline Fowler, last year's Sons of Norway Queen and daughter of Ross Fowler. The plaque has the engraving "Please, don't remember the bad times, but remember the good times well". Also at this time Cynthia received a beautiful filigree brooch — a memento of the occasion.

wife Mary's birthday is on the 19th.

A relative of mine in St. Albert was a bridesmaid at her friend's wedding this spring. She had to attend several showers which were held in the bride's honour. One shower she went to accompanied by the other bridesmaid was at the home of someone she didn't know. The two girls went to the door, rang the bell, and when the hostess answered they introduced themselves as the bridesmaids. The hostess invited them in, took their coats and their gifts and introduced them to the rest of the guests as Debbie's bridesmaids. They weren't Debbie's bridesmaids; they were Kathy's bridesmaids. The shower they were supposed to be at was across the street. I thought it was an interesting occurrence and wanted to share it with you.



New
Norwegian
Stamp
Motifs



The glorious beer
of Copenhagen

Smith and Lawrence Van Sickle. Congratulations to all, and thanks to all for coming dressed up in your best Hard-Time clothes.

Ronning Lodge Welcomes the following new members:

Allan & Clare Erga
Oliver & Dorothy Ashton
Doug & Marg Lyseng
Joan Rivard
Roy Lindsay
Ray Reid

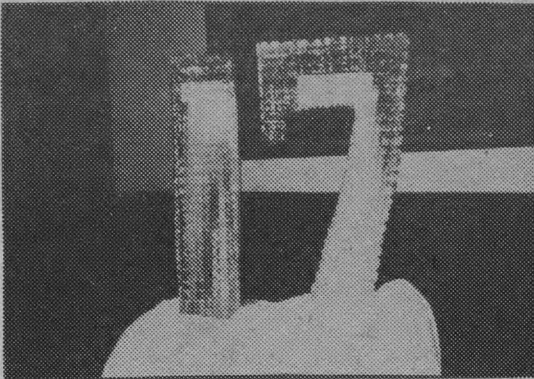
Don't forget the Language and Cultural Arts Camp being held August 28 - September 4. For applications and information contact Eve Anderson at 672-2215 after 6:00 p.m., or Arlene Moen at 672-8885 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Our next social function will be a Western Barbeque and dance on September 24 in the Moose Hall; also the next general meeting will be September 28 in the Masonic Hall.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

Syttende Mai



The Sons of Norway Bowling League ended their season with a most enjoyable banquet and dance at the Red Baron Inn on April 30th. We had good food, good music, and good fellowship.

The highlight of the evening for some was the presentation of the trophies, listed as follows:

- First Place Team—**
THE NORSEMEN
Peter Hansen (Captain)
Lynda Gordon
Percy Relf
Nels Mjaatveit
Winnifred Nielsen
- Second Place Team—**
THE THORS
Garth Travis (Captain)
Fred Nielsen
Astrid Hope
Ruth Logan
Cynthia Skarbo
- Team High Single—**
MIDNIGHT SUNS (1210)
Arne Gulbrandsen (Captain)
Wes Travis
Doris Steen
Lillian Nilson
Ed Kirkhus
- Team High Triple—**
NORTHERN LIGHTS —
Thor Berg (Captain)
Lois Halberg
Pierre Gagnon
Elmer Wilfladt
Doreen Haugen
- Ladies' High Single (316)**
Mary Gulbrandsen) tied
Lynda Gordon)
- Men's High Single (354)**
Arne Gulbrandsen
- Ladies' High Triple (717)**
Lynda Gordon
- Men's High Triple (877)**
Arne Gulbrandsen
- Ladies' High Average (185)**
Lillian Nilson
- Men's High Average (223)**
Arne Gulbrandsen

ATTENTION BOWLERS
(Old and New)

The President of the Bowling League for next season will be Harry Mjaatveit. The new Secretary will be Liz Johansen (phone 469-2196) and her assistant will be Cynthia Skarbo (phone 476-2072). Bowling will begin early in September, so be sure to phone either one of the above numbers in August if you are interested.

ATTENTION CURLERS
(Old and New)

More curlers are needed in order that we may start a new league this fall. Beginners are most welcome, as are the pros. Make it a family affair!

For further information contact Helge Nilson at 434-4300, or Inge Anderson at 489-6490.

Mrs. Astrid Hope visited for one week at Govan, Saskatchewan recently with her mother, Mrs. Lydia Tagseth. While there her brothers, Louis and Harold and their wives from Princeton, B.C., and Parry Sound, Ontario respectively, were also visiting, as well as brother Art from Humbolt, Saskatchewan. There was a building bee going on to construct a garage for their mother.

Cultural News

By Astrid Hope
Cultural Director

Astrid Hope was invited to St. Phillips Elementary School on May 27th, where she had a display of Norwegian artifacts and handicrafts. She was demonstrating "Diamontsom" (Doublecross Stitch) to the Grade III'ers all morning. In the afternoon, parents had been invited to observe the children doing their handiwork, view the displays and partake in a coffee party of specially prepared baking. Some mothers showed so much interest that they wanted a special session of instructions too, which will be arranged later. Incidentally, one of the staff from the Journal Lifestyle section was out at the school that day.

You can still register for the Norwegian Language and Cultural Arts Camp, August 28 to September 4 at Mulhurst. Application forms and information are available from Wally Broen by phoning 466-8461, or Astrid Hope at 469-4747. Applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Please hurry if you're still thinking of coming! A wonderful opportunity, and a great holiday besides! — as a family, or individually — from 6 to 86 years!

Fowler-Hinojosa
Pledge Vows

The wedding of Ross Fowler, Past Vice-President, Sons of Norway Solglyt Lodge, to Irma Hinojosa, daughter of Mrs. Irene Hinojosa, took place at the home of the bride's parents in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on April 15, 1977.

The bride chose a floor-length, off-the-left shoulder, powder blue evening gown complimented by a white orchid, a gift of the groom.

Mexican weddings have both civil and sacred services performed. The Magistrate carried out the civil ceremony and registration. Rev. Father Santoya officiated at the wedding and double ring exchange. Vows were given in both Spanish and English at this beautiful Mexican house wedding. Fifty relatives and personal friends of the family were present at the service.

Mother of the bride, Mrs. Irene Hinojosa, was a congenial hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scott and Ross' son Stuart of Edmonton were present to support the groom. Also to wit-



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THE FREELOADERS — SONS OF NORWAY ORCHESTRA



HARRY HUSER and ASTRID HOPE



BORGE and AXIE PETERSEN



ASTRID HOPE and CYNTHIA BERG
The Queen is Crowned

ness were Leoncio and Javier Fernandiz, sons of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Jose Luis Adme, daughter and son-in-law of the bride from Monterrey; as well were Dr. and Mrs. Jose Manuel Septien, the bride's sister and her husband, of Mexico City. Champagne was served to congratulate the happy couple.

Two hundred guests were present at the reception held at the El Rio Motor Hotel where a full-course dinner was served. Then there was dancing and high-jinks. The celebrating continued to an early hour in the morning.

The bride and groom left shortly after midnight to change for their honeymoon. Their first night was spent at Laredo, Texas, then on to San Francisco, and later to Hawaii for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler are presently making their home in Edmonton.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION....

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BUFORD NEWS

Sympathy is extended to the Erling Lunde family on the passing of Erling's brother, Gustav, after a lengthy illness.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of the late Gustave Modin, who passed away on June 7th in the Leduc General Hospital. He had been a patient in the Parkland Nursing Home, Leduc, for the past seven years.

Gustave Modin was born on December 28, 1892, in Gagnef, Dalarna, Sweden, and emigrated to Canada in 1911. In 1915 he was united in marriage to Hilda Anderson of Buford, and moved to Bruce, Alberta, where they farmed until 1936 when they sold their farm and moved to Buford (what is now Glen Park) and farmed there until 1957. They then sold their farm and retired. In 1966 they purchased a home in Calmar where Mrs. Modin still resides.

Gust was initiated into the

Buford Vasa Lodge in April, 1938, and was an active member. He was also a shareholder of the Scandinavian Centre.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Hilda, two sons and three daughters: Willard of Vasa Park Pigeon Lake; George of R.R.4 Calmar; Mrs. Bert (Florence) Pearson, Mrs. Arnold (Ruth) Eklund, and Mrs. Arne (Mildred) Strautman, all of Leduc; twenty-four grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, and one sister, Christine, of Edmonton. He was predeceased by one son, Floyd, in 1976; also by six brothers and two sisters.

Bob and Gunhild Ladouceur accompanied by their daughter and her fiancé, are on a three-week holiday to Sweden.

Arman Wold of Gibson, B.C. is visiting at the home of his parents, Elvin and Anna Wold of Leduc.

Travel with a Purpose Sample Denmark

The travellers of 1977 are more than tourists. They don't want to just say they've been there — they want to have a meaningful foreign experience. They want to learn about something ... the lifestyle or history, the folklore or art, the social institutions of the social life of the countries they visit. For this, there is no better place than Denmark, whether the traveller pursues one favourite interest or combines several.

Here's a sampling of some of the many aspects of Danish life bound to satisfy the visitor no matter what his purpose in travelling.

FINNISH SOCIETY

SY'S

by Anne Sahuri

Congratulations to the Finnish Club of Calgary, who celebrated their tenth anniversary on May 15, 1977. Our folk-dance group was invited to their celebrations to perform at the Calgary Scandinavian Centre. It was a rainy day, and it even snowed on the way back home, but the trip was well worthwhile, and it was nice to meet old friends and have a fine opportunity to make new ones. John Koivuneva was the Master of Ceremonies; the President, Ritva Elder, spoke briefly in both languages. The Finnish Consul and Mayor Sykes of Calgary also spoke. Liisi Komulainen read a part from Kalevala called "Iso Harka", and we heard songs by the Scandinavian Choir, as well as a solo by Ritva Elder. Accordion, piano and flute music was also enjoyed. The food was delicious. I hope that the Calgary Finnish Club will visit us here soon with their program.

Recent visitor to Edmonton and to the Scandinavian Centre was Mr. Teuvo Pakkala. While in Edmonton he spoke at the Scandinavian Centre mostly regarding the Finnish Summer Festivals celebrated each summer mostly in Sudbury or Sault Ste. Marie.

Behind the Scenes of Danish Design—

Danish design is known the world over for its stunning simplicity and its functional success. Throughout Denmark vacationers can see many talented artisans at work.

Copenhagen is a mecca for arts and crafts lovers. Adventurous spirits can explore endlessly among the small shops and workrooms where the world-famous Danish furniture, porcelain, silver and ceramics are created. For those who want an organized approach, there is the Copenhagen Arts and Crafts Tour (May - November) offering an insider's look combined with commentary at the craft shops.

On Bornholm Island on the Baltic Sea, the artists' community is the home of hundreds of young Danes who practise their crafts in the lovely resort atmosphere. Ceramic shops are the major attraction and a visit is usually divided between watching the craftsmen work and resisting the impulse to buy everything!

The centre for glass is at Holmegaard, near Naestved. Here the glass works lure thousands who marvel at the sure-handed skill of the glass blowers. And, to get into the Christmas spirit at any time of year, one must go to Kolding in Jutland where Annie and Bent Knudsen's workshop is a fairyland of charming hand-made Christmas ornaments of all kinds, shown along with their beautiful jewelry designs which are sold all over the world.

From Farm to Table— Danish Delicacies

After only one day in Denmark, visitors will happily partake of Danish specialties and produce. There is probably no better country in the world for nutritious, delicious dining. Danish open sandwiches, Danish Smorgasbord tables and Danish Aquavit and beer are as popular as the national landmarks. Don't miss the Denmark Luncheon at the Royal or the Copenhagen Temptations Luncheon at the Scandinavia in Copenhagen, where there is a festive array of the best Danish specialties that city and country can offer.

If anything can be more fun than eating Danish food, it's looking behind the scenes at the country's agriculture. Those interested in food production will

delight in two vastly different views of Denmark's farms. There are the government experimental farms and dairies like the one at Hillerod, 25 miles north of Copenhagen. Equally efficient and prosperous, but very different in atmosphere are the small quaint farms where the thatched roofs have sheltered generations of Danish families. Under a unique tourists' program many of them now accept visitors for idyllic family vacations. A week's stay can combine daytime sightseeing with a taste of life in the wholesome countryside — a delight for children of all ages and parents as well.

In Almost Every Village There is a Museum

The Danes are remarkably conscious of their history and the country is rich in museums that shelter fascinating examples of the Denmark of years gone by. They are also proud possessors of many items of world-wide interest like the 3,000 year old Egtved girl's dress that survives intact in the National Museum in Copenhagen. It is thought to be the oldest surviving garment outside of Egypt.

What makes Denmark outstanding is that the small towns and villages are as much pockets of history and culture as are the cities. In tiny local museums hidden in venerable buildings are unexpected collections of local handcraft and folklore. And occasionally, as in the town of Silkeborg in the lake district, there rests a major discovery like the Tollund Man, a 2,000 year old male body found so perfectly preserved that scientists have been able to determine what he ate before he died. This exciting exhibit also chronicles the painstaking research and analysis techniques that the scientists used to reconstruct the lifestyle in the ancient town of Tollund.

Inside the Danish Home— Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

There is ample opportunity in Denmark to examine the distinctive style and taste in home furnishings — as it is now, as it was centuries ago, and as it may be in the future. Not to be missed is the famous open air museum at Lyngby, outside Copenhagen. Here the Danes have re-

constructed various Danish farms — some that date from the time when men and animals were sheltered under the same thatched roof. In contrast, the ultra modern convention centres — the Scandicon at Aarhus and the Bella Centre in Copenhagen are examples of the sleek design and sophisticated engineering techniques of the future Denmark. In addition, in every corner of the countryside are castles and private mansions open for inspection. Among these can be found every era and aspect of Danish design.

Experience Denmark Instead of Just Seeing it—

More than any country in the world, Denmark encourages visitors to be more than just tourists. It encourages them to study, to explore, to be a Dane for a day, for a week or more. And while the Danes greet all their visitors with gracious enthusiasm, they extend an especially warm welcome to those who travel with a purpose. The result — whatever your purpose you'll have a great time in Denmark.

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- 2 1/4 cups water
- 1 cup raspberry or cranberry juice, or jam
- sugar — optional
- 1/2 cup cream of wheat

Bring water and juice to the boiling point. Sprinkle gradually cream of wheat into liquid beating vigorously to prevent lumps. Simmer 30 mins., stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat and pour into electric mixer or large bowl. Beat well until cold and very fluffy. Pour into serving dish. Refrigerate for 1/2 hour. Serve with milk or light cream.

Makes 4 servings.

MOCHA CAKE

Finnish: Mokkaakakku
Danish: Mokkaage
Norwegian: Mokkaake
Swedish: Mockatårta

You Will Need---

- Meringue—**
- 4 egg whites
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- Mocha Filling—Frosting**
- 1/3 cup coffee
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup light cream or milk
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 1/2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds, roasted

Heat oven until extremely hot (500 Deg. F.) and then turn down to very slow heat (250 Deg. F.).

Beat egg whites until very stiff and dry. Fold in sugar all at the same time and mix carefully.

Grease and flour baking sheet, and draw two 9" circles or squares on sheet. Place sheet in oven for a few minutes, remove from heat and spread meringue evenly in the circles or squares. Bake in very slow oven (250 Deg. F.) until meringue no longer sticks to the sheet and is light yellow.

Remove from heat and let cool.

Frosting—Boil coffee and water a few minutes. Strain through cheese cloth.

Mix strained coffee, cream or milk, egg yolks and cornstarch in top of a double boiler. Simmer, beating vigorously until thick. Let cool stirring occasionally.

Cream butter and sugar very well. Add vanilla extract and gradually stir in coffee mixture by tablespoonfuls. In case mixture curdles, add melted warm butter and beat vigorously until smooth.

Spread 1/3 of filling between meringue layers and also cover sides and top of meringue with frosting. Force remaining frosting through pastry tube and decorate top and sides of cake nicely. Sprinkle on top with almonds.

Refrigerate for a few hours before serving.

Makes approximately 16 pieces.

News from Ansgar

As we head into the holiday months we remind all of the members and supporters of Ansgar Church that, just because it is the holiday season, the expenditure of keeping a congregation going does NOT take a holiday. Therefore we would encourage you to continue your regular support of your Church.

And when your Danish guests arrive for their visit with you, do be sure to bring them to your Church. You show them where and how you live in your everyday life — do make certain that you also show them

how you worship. They will be most welcome.

This year again we are providing an opportunity for everyone to take a jaunt out into the country to see how our dairy farmers live. Thanks to Ben and Frieda Jensen, we are invited to their farm at Millet for an afternoon picnic on Sunday, July 17th, at around 3:00 p.m. Each attending family is asked to bring something to go with the coffee, which will be provided. Do plan to come, and if you have Danish guests, do bring them along.

DANIA DOINGS



by Lili Nielsen

DANIA'S ANNUAL KLONDIKE DANCE will be held on Friday, July 22, 1977, in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre. Doors and Bar will open at 8:00 p.m. Music by the "Black Knights" from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Admission fee will be \$5.00 per person for members and \$6.00 per person for non-members, and will include Danish wieners (røde pølser), potato salad and a bun. Tickets may be obtained from Vera, Kirsten or Lili. All reserved tickets must be paid and picked up prior to the dance. Tickets will also be available at the door.

We hope to see a lot of people at this party, and all of you who are having visitors from Denmark, why not use this opportunity to bring them to the Scandinavian Centre and show them how we celebrate Klondike Days?

As we have bought a new supply of RED liquor tokens to be used for liquor only, we urge you all to search through your pockets for any left-over white tokens. At our Klondike Dance the white tokens will be accepted for liquor, but afterwards they will only be used for beer.

At our last Executive Meeting a motion was passed in connection with Dress at our parties, and we would like to take this opportunity to inform you all that there will definitely not be anyone let in wearing blue jeans and/or T-shirts.

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!

NOTE—Non-Shareholder Members!

The Danish Society "Dania" has just been advised by the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre that, effective with the August 1st paper a charge of \$5.00 per year per non-shareholder member with a lodge will be made. Alternately a lodge may do its own mailing at only 20 cents per copy (\$2.40 per year). Our society has presently about 150 non-shareholders, and this will cost us \$360 extra per year, which is quite an increase in expenses for a non-profit society. As Mrs. Vera Nielsen is doing a fine job, we will, of course, continue to do our own mailing. You will receive your newspaper until October 31, 1977, when your present membership in "Dania" expires. Please inform your Board of Directors if you are prepared to pay an extra \$2.40 per year on your membership dues to continue receiving the Scandinavian Centre News. If you have recently made a contribution, please inform the Centre of your donation and ask them to send you the paper for an extended time free of charge to your Club. Several donations have been noticed \$10 and over — should you not continue to receive the paper?

You can, of course, buy your own share in the Scandinavian Centre for \$50 and receive the paper free; membership applications are available from Peter Andersen, Lili Nielsen, and at the Centre. However, before you buy a share, it is suggested that you ask yourself this question: "The Centre

is now paid up and is losing money quite rapidly; how is it going to go financially if they expand and have to borrow mortgage money at 12-14% interest rates?" Also read Scandinavian Centre News from June: "125th Avenue is the BIG Question Should We Stay or Sell". Please send your letter to the Editor of the Scandinavian Centre News in this regard, and do it today before you forget about it!

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Hardanger Wedding



Inga Hovde displaying her dowry following the Hardanger Wedding



Rev. Ken Storheim, William Zelensky, Inga Hovde—the Hardanger Wedding

The write-up on the Hardanger Wedding which appeared in last month's paper consisted of excerpts from the original script which was written, directed and ably planned by Mrs. Astrid Hope, who deserves a tremendous vote of thanks for her effort. The Wedding article by Bob Burt should have so indicated.

Ottar Akre, A Veteran on the Accordion

by Olaf Sveen

I have always maintained that playing the accordion helps keep a person young, and after we met Ottar Akre in Oslo in March, I am sure I have definite proof to support that theory.

Eva, Astrid and I were invited over to Gamlebyen Skole where the Oslo Accordion Club Band had a rehearsal one night, and Akre is the leader, conductor and musical director. When we asked him about his age, he told us he was 81, and that was stretching it a bit for he turned 81 on May 19th. It is not very often you meet a man who says he is older than he really is, but



Ottar Akre, Astrid and Eva Sveen at Gamlebyen Skole

he does the work of a much younger man, and he is proud of it. We can safely say that he is, along with Chr. Liebak, the Grand Old Man of Norwegian accordion music. Besides being a great accordionist and teacher, Akre has also been a very popular composer; we oldtimers can remember Lilly Waltz, Schottish Brillante, Glomdalsbrudens Waltz (The Bride from Glomdal), Forgive Me (In Vain) Tango, Du var min drom (You Were My Dream) Tango, Tusserulle Masurka, and many more. We also remember Akre's Trio; if there had been a hit-parade in the 1930's, I believe Akre and his Trio would have been on it most of the time.

Akre stayed in America for a few years in the early 1920's; he was in North Dakota, where to this day people belonging to his family are great land-owners. However, Carl M. Iversen asked him to come back to Oslo. But Akre went back to have a second look at America only a few years ago. He has a brother living in Alaska.

The rehearsal at Gamlebyen Skole was a great success. The youngest member of the accordion band was 12 years old, but he sat so far back that it was hard to decide what he was doing — but he will be all right, he has his life ahead of him. There is a Norwegian saying: "Den maa tidlig krokes som god krok skal bli" (You have to be bent early to become a good hook). Akre called the young fellow "Smaen" (the Kid) and he kept asking him how he was doing. He tried in many ways to make the budding accordion virtuoso feel at home.

Most of the program consisted of very well-known accordion pieces, overtures, marches, waltzes and polkas. I believe about the most beautiful number they played was Sommarsangen (The Summer Song) by Peterson-Berger. Akre was in charge, and he also played every note along with the rest of the first-accordionists, and he didn't even need glasses to read music.

After about 2½ hours of this, Astrid decided it was boring and tried to find a place to curl up and sleep, but there was none. Akre noticed this, and he came and said he would drive us back to the hotel. When we took off in his car, Astrid was saying something, and it sounded as if she was not very happy.

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ing in Oslo for about 50 years, and he probably knew every cobblestone in town. We arrived at the hotel in no time at all; one has to say this much for teen-age driving — you really go places.

We said goodbye to Akre, and it was with a feeling we had been in the company of a great man. He has accomplished a lot. He told us he played in restaurants for 25 years, and that alone is an achievement.

Akre is a bundle of energy, with a happy outlook on life. We hope he will be able to keep entertaining the public with his music for many years to come.